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ML's Plain Janes score CFC "three-peat"

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio — It's time to start calling the 65X complex of Wright Patterson AFB's Area B "Title Town". Recently, residents of the complex, the AFRL/ML Plain Janes entered a sports Pantheon home to the likes of the Yankees, the Lakers, and the US Women's Soccer Team, as the Janes won the recent plane pull at the Combined Federal Campaign kickoff.

When considering sports dynasties the unheralded Plain Janes often go overlooked. On October 11th, the team, comprised of women from the Air Force Research Laboratory's Material and Manufacturing Directorate, recently added a 3rd consecutive crown to their storied win streak in the CFC kickoff event.

The Plain Janes attribute their victory to hard work, preparation, and an undying thirst for victory. "We have yet to lose this event, and as we entered training camp, we felt our biggest opponent was going to be complacency," said Plain Jane Sally Cheney.

Training camp consisted of pulling "coach" Morley Stone's truck up the "Everest of Dayton", the notorious Area B hill.

"Pulling the truck was tough, but worthwhile. Some of our new team members had a chance to get used to the rigors behind pulling tons of weight, and learn the nuances that make our team successful," said Plain Jane Peg Holloway.

Plain Jane Christie Webb said, "The training was harder than the actual event."

The demanding preseason regimen paid off as the Plain Jane's beat last year's record en route to remaining undefeated in the plane pull.

Holloway noted, "The event was rewarding on so many levels. Physically, the hard work paid off, the pride of being a Plain Jane is indescribable, and raising money is the best feeling of all."

Brotherton admitted, "Yes, the Plain Jane's won the competition, but in truth, the biggest winner was the CFC. AFRL as a whole put three teams into the event, raising a total of \$600 for the CFC."

In addition to the Plain Jane's, AFRL/SN's SNeak Attack took third place in the women's overall competition and second AFRL-wide. The AFRL Detachment 1 men's teams placed fourth in overall competition, and were AFRL's top male finishers.

Although united in AFRL's effort to raise CFC money, there was some friendly rivalry within the ranks. Detachment 1 commander, and honorary captain of SNeak Attack, Col. Larry Strawser decided to "up the ante" with his counterpart ML Deputy Director Col. Timothy Brotherton prior to the event, deciding that the loser must buy the winner refreshments at Area B's Flywright.

At the refreshment ceremony held October 19th, all three AFRL teams received trophies for their participation in the event. At the ceremony, Brotherton explained, "We have a big task ahead of us next year, I feel like our women have targets on their backs, but the Plain Janes are in the middle of something special. Expect to see them at the top of their game for many years to come." @

